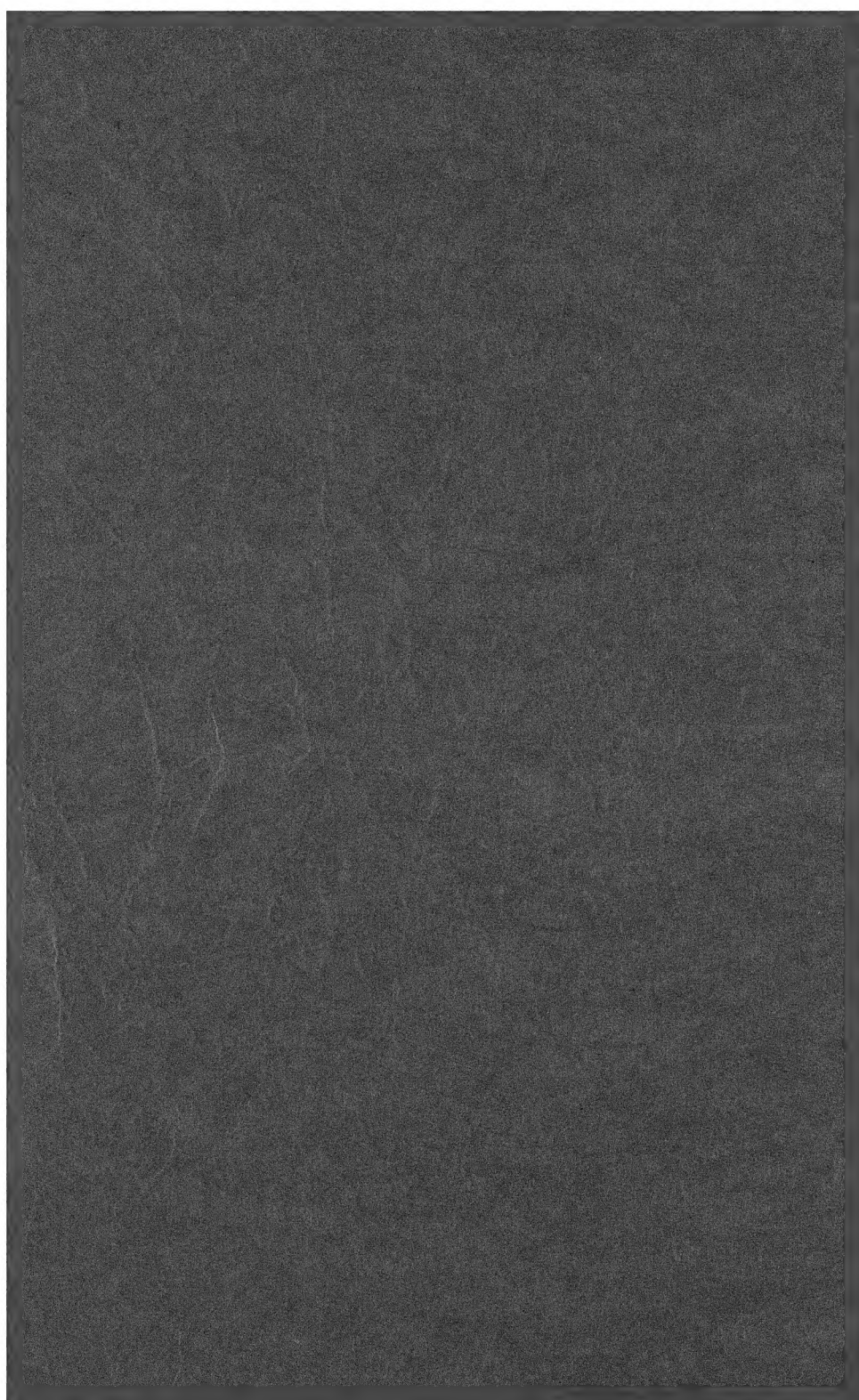


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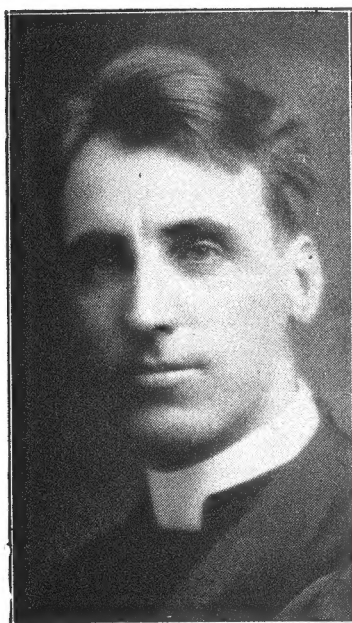
*On the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the
Dedication of the Present Edifice.*

November the Twenty-Seventh

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-two

DEDICATION

To the pioneers of this district whose devotion to the interest of the Kingdom of God, and whose loyalty to the traditions of their forefathers made the organization of this congregation and the erection of this building possible; and whose initiative and industry has shown the way to real happiness by creation rather than by finding,—this little souvenir volume is affectionately dedicated.



REV. PHILIP DUNCAN, B.A.
Present Pastor

INTRODUCTORY

IT must be gratifying to members of this community to recall, that so early in its history, the people here were bent on establishing and maintaining, after the custom of all truly Canadian pioneering settlers, the two great institutions, the church and the school. These early citizens, chiefly from Eastern Canada and the Old Land, loyally fostered the ideals on which they had been bred, and showed their love of law and order by providing the institutions which are the foundations of law and order, as well as of mental and spiritual growth.

For several years after they had made provisions for religious services, these pioneers, like the Patriarchs of old, had no constant abiding place; nor, like the early Israelites, had they one Moses only; their spiritual leaders were many. The pulpit was supplied as opportunity offered. Any minister with a helpful message was welcome, be he Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican, Baptist or Moravian. Indeed, if no one with priestly training were available, a layman at times filled the gap. For the first period of our church history, student missionaries took charge during most of the summer months. Generous assistance from neighboring churches, visiting officials and ministers and laymen filled out the round of the year.

PRE-MISSION STAGE

UNTIL 1891 the only Presbyterian Church in this district was in North Edmonton. Its pastor was Rev. D. G. McQueen, so well known to the present generation also. Residents on the south bank of the river were wont to attend services in the north side Churches. This meant a rather long walk for most of them, since autos had not arrived, and many had neither democrat nor buggy. Mud was often a real barrier in those days on the long road that wound down to Walter's ferry where the Fifth Street bridge now stands, and up the hill to the old Presbyterian church. Dust, snow, waiting for the ferry and paying for it each time, were other difficulties that faced the early worshippers. And, although they seemed to thrive and strengthen on it, judging from the firm fibre of their Christian faith as shown later, some thought it too great a hardship for the women and children. For some time, efforts to establish a preaching station on this side were fruitless; but finally the expressed determination to have one, and the coming of the Calgary and Edmonton railway, induced the Church authorities to make arrangements for services. Accordingly Rev. D. G. McQueen held opening services in South Edmonton, then only a small unorganized village, later to be known as Strathecona, and now Edmonton South.

*THE FIRST MISSION STAGE; THE UNSETTLED
PERIOD (1891-4)*

IN 1891 the Canadian Pacific Railway reached the south bank at the point where the Northwest Milling Company (formerly Ritchie's), now is. The railway at once began to build the hotel, later known as the Stratheona House, which after years of service as Westminster College and Residence, is again known by its earlier name. In one of the unfinished apartments of this hotel, the first services, for all of any creed who wished to worship, were held, and then for a short time in the C.P.R. station, where the foreman, Jas. McDiarmid, kindly lent his rooms. For the next year, 1892, an arrangement was made with the settlers of the Methodist faith to erect and equip a small frame Union church on the site of the present Metropolitan Church, each denomination to have it for one of the Sunday services. This so-called Union Church arrangement lasted for one year. In 1893 the Methodists wished to have both morning and evening services. Our pioneers then used the Massey-Harris warehouse which still stands on its first site. This and its hard planks served for a short time. Until the following year the congregation used in succession, the little old school on Whyte Avenue and 106th Street, later moved to the market square and for a time used as a Baptist Church; the rear part of Wilson's store which also was used as a school (Hulbert's Block site), and then the hall over Ferguson & Ross Hardware store which was the front part of the present J. J. Barr store. While worshipping in this hall, plans were laid for erecting a Church building. Its name was to be Knox Presbyterian Church.

*THE SECOND MISSION PERIOD (1894-1900) ; THE
SELF-SUSTAINING STATUS (1900-1907)*

IN 1894 their first building was erected. Lots had been granted by the railway, the owners of the townsite, on the corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue north (now 104th Street and 84th Avenue).



Money was scarce but the people were prepared to donate freely of their time and labor and advice. Indeed, there does not appear to have been a contract let for this building at all. A building committee composed of R. Bissett, Mr. Cossar, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Durand, Mr. McCullen and J. J. McKenzie was appointed. Mr. Bissett and Mr. Cossar took general charge of the operations. Artizans and handy people went to work in that good old fashioned way which made it possible for many of the earlier pioneers in older Canada to have homes and barns as well as churches which they could scarcely have had other-

wise. Their plans included a wooden building which seemed very ample at the time. They envisioned a church home of the real church type with Gothic windows and lofty spire rising to the sky, such as many a congregation erected in Alberta and elsewhere. But their vision was not quite realized. The spire rose the dignity of a tower and stopped. Before it took a second start, the growing congregation began to think of building a new one. The old church was shorn of its tower and later converted into a double residence which still stands on 86th Avenue in the 104th block.

Although the building was erected in 1894 at cost of about \$1,400.00, it was not until the autumn of 1895 that it was finished and furnished. The days of headlong booms had not arrived, and the careful pioneers were prepared to sit on planks and read by coal-oil lamps a while longer. Aid, which meant much more than mney, was forthcoming from time to time. Early records refer to a donation of communion plates by one, a pulpit by another, a communion table by another, and something else by others.

MINISTERS DURING THE MISSION STAGE PERIOD

MUCH is due Rev. D. G. McQueen for the help he gave. He conducted the Sunday service on many occasions, and frequently acted as moderator at the meetings and even served as mediator in disagreements that sometimes arose then as now. Our early worshippers seemed to be on very good terms too, with the Moravian Mission situated, at that time, just east of the town, and their minister, the Rev. Mr. Hoyler (afterwards Bishop Hoyler), preached very acceptably many times—in fact, he and his associate Mr. Schwarze supplied the pulpit for a considerable part of a summer. Rev. Dr. McDonald, a retired Minister belonging to the congregation, also gave appreciated help at times.

Most, if not all, of the other preachers were students either attending college or just graduated but not ordained. Mr. W. D. Wilkie from Queen's University, conducted the services in the summer. Rev. Dr. McDonald, a retired Minister belonging to the congregation in Edmonton in the log school situated near the spot where the Northwest Milling Company is now established.

He was followed by David Arnot, M.A., of Edinburgh, who supplied for Dr. McQueen during the summer, and then came to the south side, remaining until the spring of 1893. He later returned to Scotland.

During 1893 W. W. Peck came out from Queen's University for the summer, and later continued pastoral work in Ontario.

Then came Rev. R. A. Munro, of the Orkney Islands. During his stay the first frame Presbyterian Church was built in 1894.

Mr. J. S. Dobbin supplied for a short period, and was followed by J. S. Muldrew in 1895 and W. L. Atkinson in 1896. Assistance was given, between times, by Mr. Jensen, a Moravian.

For a part of the summer of 1897, Rev. R. M. Dickie was the pastor. He left for the Yukon and later had a distinguished career in Brandon and Montreal.

Rev. E. C. Gallup, B.A., a graduate minister but not yet ordained, came out from Queen's in 1897 and remained until 1899. Even this degree of settlement showed its worth in the greatly increased growth of church work. He continued this work in the East, and later went into business for a time in Saskatoon.

He was followed in 1899 by Rev. C. D. Campbell who remained until the next spring, and when he left to follow his work elsewhere, Rev. W. B. Bremner, B.A., B.D., took charge for a short time.

THE AUGMENTED AND SELF-SUSTAINING STATUS

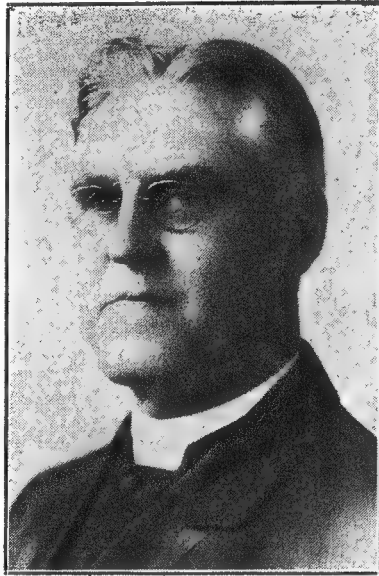
THE congregation had grown and strengthened during these years and began to feel strong enough to stand on its own feet. In fact, some of its members felt that they had outgrown their status and should no longer hold themselves up by the apron strings of the Mother Church of older Canada. But the canny leaders held back. At length, Dr. McQueen's explanation of the rather thin state to which the Home Mission fund was stretched in helping so many new communities, persuaded them to have this charge put on the Augmented list and so to assume a larger responsibility for it.

And next year (1900) they agreed to go up to the self-sustaining status, and assume full responsibility for the congregation and the right to call their own minister.

PASTORS SINCE 1900

REV. D. FLEMING, B.A.
(1900-1909)

He was the first settled minister in Knox after it assumed the self-supporting status. The congregation grew and blossomed out into a full-fledged church organization during these nine years of Mr. Fleming's kindly and able ministry. He has held since leaving Edmonton, the pastorates in Dauphin, Winnipeg and Morden, Manitoba.



REV. J. M. MILLAR, M.A.,
B.D., D.D. (1909-1911)

A distinguished graduate of Queen's University and Theological College, who came to Knox from Nanaimo. He was inducted here on July 15th, 1909, and was appointed to the chair of Pastoral Theology in Robertson College in June, 1911, and later to the Principalship.



REV. E. MCGOUGAN, M.A.,
B.D. (1911-1921)

Came from the Wetaskiwin congregation to Knox. After ten successful years which include the troublous war-time, he resigned in 1921 to assume the Pastorate of Chalmers Church, Vancouver, B.C. He passed away after a prolonged illness in 1931.

REV. A. D. REID
(1921-1925)

Came to us from Calgary. After an energetic and fruitful four years during which Union was consummated, he left Knox for Sydney, N.S., and during these last few years has had charges in Winnipeg. His zeal and enthusiasm were largely responsible for placing Knox so high in respect to the support of the Missions of the Church.





REV. C. F. McINTOSH,
M.A., B.D. (1925-1931)

Born to the Manse in Scotland, a graduate of Toronto University and Knox College, he came to Knox at the time of Church Union. Recognized as an outstanding student in the spheres of philosophy and religion, on resigning from Knox after five years of service, he lectured for one year in St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, on Religious Education and then returned to Ontario, and now is Pastor of the Orangeville United church.

REV. PHILIP DUNCAN, B.A.
(1931-.....)

Born in Aberdeen, Mr. Duncan came to Winnipeg in 1908 where he took his University course. Later he followed his Theological course at Westminster Hall, Vancouver. After serving in Home Mission Stations and other appointments at the Coast and on the Prairies, he held the pastorates of Dauphin and St. Paul's, Brandon, with a high degree of success. Since the beginning of 1931 he and his family have gained a warm place in the hearts of this congregation.



GROWTH UP TO 1907

THE general growth of the community, which in due time was organized into a town municipality, and by vote of the people, named Stratheona, brought about enlarged church membership and church activities. No church roll of the membership during the nineties is available. The records however, give the names of those most closely identified with the church life. The verses of Mrs. A. A. Campbell include all those who formerly joined the church during the first two or three years after the first building was begun.

“The names of the members who antedate
The Klondyke Drive of the year ninety-eight,
Durrands and Bissets, Fultons, Mackeens
Were among the first families here on the scenes.
Jack Jackson, Will Jackson, Montgomerays and Somers were also
among the earliest comers,
The Ross's, McCullys, Mac McIntyres.
And Arthur Davies, a leader of choirs,
The Lendrums and Clarks and Turnbells I'm told.
And Thomsons and Dietzs were early enrolled.
The Davisons, too, from ould Ireland's shore,
The McLaren brothers who ran a store,
The Lewis's, MacBrides and the widow Swan,
The H. B. MacKenzies and Ed and John
And Maggie and Barb; Bob Blain and Jim.
And D. S. MacKenzie, we all knew him.
The Martin brothers and Harry Perry.
Mrs. Roberts, the Purvis's and Miss M. Clary.
The McFaddens who ran the upper ferry,
The Fraser boys, Will and John and Dave;
And now to just quickly name over the lave .
MacIntyre, W. G. and the MacNulty brothers.
MacMahons and Esserys and many others. . . .”

By 1898 there were 52 communicants on the roll and apparently quite a number of the other settlers were adherents and attendants. One item in these early records points out a familiar-sounding fact. For a time at least, it seems that the congregation at the summer services were not as large as might have been. In the autumn and during the winter, however, it picked up and the church frequently was crowded; late comers had to go up to the long seats stretching across the church right at the front. The explanation given was that many went out to the homesteads or other farms to work during the summer, and in the autumn, they and strangers arriving, came into the town; no mention is made of holiday-makers or of beaches and summer resorts.

In 1899, three lots were acquired for a Manse site, just west of the church. Plans for the Manse were made in the autumn of 1900 and the building was completed in 1901 for its first occupant, Mr. Fleming and his family, who took it over to the accompaniment of a good old house-warming social.

In 1900 there were 79 communicants, and in 1902 the church membership was given as 55 families and 20 single persons. As early as 1904 the inadequacy of the church building for services and Sunday School brought about frequent discussions concerning new quarters. The careful authorities took much time and trouble to look into every possibility in respect to improvement. Adding galleries, lengthening the building, adding wings, using it for a Sunday School, etc., were fully gone into. No scheme for raising money that people nowadays ever heard of, seems to have escaped these early planners,—schemes ranging from getting so many men each to contribute a stated amount, to raising money from insurance loans on different people insured for the purpose were considered.

THE SECOND CHURCH, 1907

AS the months sped by, the conviction grew that a church worthy of the present and the future should be erected,—something to be proud of and an urge in developing a respect for the house of

God and a desire to worship therein. So, after several years' discussion and study of the matter, a building committee consisting of J. J. MacKenzie, Malcolm McIntyre and R. B. Douglas was appointed and plans were made for the erection of a splendid edifice, on the site of the old church, to seat about 800 people—and it had to be of brick. Enthusiasm and co-operation shown by the many, resulted in the



completion in December, 1907 of the building within which has sprung so much inspiration helpful to the community and beyond, during the last 25 years.

The Corner Stone was laid with all due ceremony on April 11th, and within it were placed the records of the Church, including the last annual report, coins of the realm, and a copy of each of the following publications, — The Presbyterian, The Presbyterian Record, The Westminster, The Lord's Day Advocate, The Young Men's Club Bulletin, The Plaindealer and Chronicle. The ceremony of laying the stone was performed by the Rev. Dr. Herdman of Calgary (under the Chairmanship of Rev. D. Fleming). The Premier (The Hon. Mr. Rutherford), the Mayor, and Rev. Mr. Hoyer of the Moravian Church were invited to attend as speakers. The members of the Edmonton Presbytery and all other Protestant ministers were invited to attend.

Excellent progress was made by the builders, and all was ready for the formal opening on the 15th of December. Dr. Duval of Winnipeg, conducted the dedicatory services on Sunday, and on Monday evening, the first great treat was given in the new basement. There was a supper, which some members are prepared to talk about yet, a lecture, short addresses, music and a general sociable good time.

In erecting this new church home at that time, the congregation had undertaken a heavy burden. But times were improving, and advantage was taken of the oncoming boom to clear off the debt four or five years later, and to instal the present pipe organ, a work undertaken by the Ladies' Aid.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

DURING 1931 and 1932, the church edifice has undergone extensive repairing and re-adorning. In 1931 re-roofing was completed and the walls were re-decorated. In 1932 the fine expanses of window on the three sides of the building were remodelled with cathedral-tinted glass and each with a full-figure size reproduction of a famous picture—that on the north having “The Light of the World”, that on the west, “Christ in Gethsemane”, that on the south, “The Good Shepherd”. Early this year saw, also, the remodelling of the pulpit. The rostrum is reduced in size a little, to give a more artistic form; its background to a height of 8 feet and the enclosing rail, which extends to include the choir space, are panelled in quarter cut oak. All the woodwork including the organ and furniture is finished in fine brown cathedral tones, the whole giving a very pleasing and dignified effect, in keeping with our best church architecture and adornment.

The basement also was improved by brighter painting and the erection of partitions. The whole church, well looked after by Mr. Couch, now gives a cheerful and comfortable impression and a better opportunity for service.

The fluctuations in the population during the last twenty-five years have been very conspicuous, and the changing numbers and membership of many churches have reflected this greatly. Probably Knox has been steadier in this regard than most others. It has always been well attended and at times to overflowing. At the present time, under the increasing popularity and recognized enthusiasm and ability of our Pastor, the accommodation is frequently inadequate.

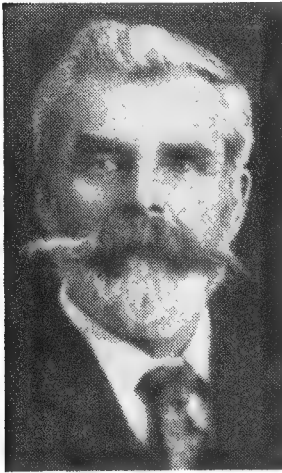
The following list of members of 1907 who are still members indicates the great population change in 25 years. The names are taken from the communion roll of that year, but no doubt other adherents are still with us:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alton	Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson
John Atkins	Mrs. David Jones
Misses C. K. and M. Blain	Mrs. W. Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Buckham	Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kent
Mrs. R. Bisset	Mrs. G. Lawrence
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Campbell	Mrs. G. Fisher
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Campbell	Chas. and O. B. Madill
Mrs. A. Davies	Mr. and Mrs. A. MacKenzie
Mrs. Essery	Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MacKenzie
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fraser	Mrs. J. W. McLaggan
Mrs. L. Garret	Mrs. W. G. McIntyre
Mrs. W. M. Howson	Mr. D. C. MacEachern
Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter	Mr. and Mrs. Peel
Mr. and Mrs. Tookey	Miss Belle Durrand
Mr. Chas. Young	Mrs. D. Marten
	W. J. Scott
	Mr. J. Fisher

The present communion roll membership consists of over seven hundred members.

THE SESSION

AT the first definite organization into a Presbyterian congregation in 1894, Mr. R. Bisset was the first elder elected by the congregation and ordained by Mr. Munro, assisted by Rev. D. G. McQueen.



R. BISSET

J. J. Ferguson who had been an elder elsewhere, was next inducted and appointed Clerk. These two and the Moderator, who was Dr. McQueen for a large part of the time, constituted the Session for some years. Other prominent members of the Session during those early years were J. Dunn, F. W. Kerr (now Dr. Kerr of fame in Winnipeg), D. S. McKenzie and G. M. Montgomery.

D. S. McKenzie (1897), Dr. J. M. Hotson (1903), Dr. J. F. Brander (1912), G. W. Montgomery (1913), W. J. Scott (1915), A. H. Scott (1931), were appointed Clerks of Sessions in the years named.

In 1907 when the present church was built, the Session consisted of Rev. D. Fleming (Moderator), Messrs. Peel, Groff, D. L. Campbell, W. J. Scott, G. M. Montgomery, Dr. J. M. Hotson (Clerk), and Dr. J. W. McQueen.

The Session in 1932 is as follows:

D. L. Campbell—1904	W. A. Rose—1925
F. A. Peel—1904	Jas. A. Alton—1927
W. J. Scott—1907	S. M. Bolton—1927
J. J. Barr—1912	Dr. M. R. Bow—1927
A. Bisset—1916	Jas. Douglas—1927
G. S. McDonald—1916	D. Milne—1927
Dr. J. A. McPherson—1916	J. M. Roxburgh—1927
James A. Stewart—1916	Geo. Young—1927
John Carmichael—1922	S. E. Cooper—1931
A. H. Scott—1922	S. G. Carlyle—1931
Thos. Walker—1922	G. W. Campbell—1931
Rev. Dr. M. H. Wilson—1922	H. A. McFarland—1931
F. C. Casselman—1925	D. Rice—1931
G. W. Robertson—1925	Dr. John R. Tuck—1931
	Dr. R. C. Wallace—1931

The year indicates the date of induction into the eldership.

It will be noticed that a sufficient number of the earlier members remain to give the Session that stability and patriarchal appearance which are its due.

In 1931 the Official Quarterly Board for the whole congregation, was formed in accordance with the constitution of the United Church for assuming charge of the general affairs of the congregation. It consists of the Session, Board of Managers, and Mrs. A. H. Scott (President of W.M.S.), Mrs. Short (President of Women's Association), Jas. Martins (Choir President), Ronald Keith (President of Y. P. S.) and A. H. Scott, A. Bisset, K. W. Reikie (S.S. Superintendents), the Pastor is Chairman.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

THE Board of Managers at the time the first church was begun, consisted of R. Bisset (Chairman), Mr. Cossar (Secretary), Mr. Durrand (Treasurer) and Messrs. Clark, Nelson, Fulton. At the first Annual Meeting, Mr. McNulty, W. E. Ross and Mr. McIntyre were added. The Building Committee consisted of R. Bisset, J. Ferguson, J. McKenzie, M. McCully, Mr. Durrand and Mr. Cossar.

A changing population brought about many changes in the Board. Other members frequently mentioned in the early days were Messrs. D. S. Mackenzie, J. W. Blain, G. M. Montgomery, D. C. McEachern, J. M. and R. B. Douglas, A. Davies, Elliott, McLean, Holden, Elder, D. L. Campbell, H. Duncan, M. E. Tookey, J. Carmichael, F. A. Peel, A. Davison, J. S. Fraser, H. B. McKenzie, J. Dunn.

They experienced a full share of the difficulties of pioneers in getting things going, but took courage by the hand and Knox continued to develop to its present high place.

The building of the present church home, their greatest single work, was carried through successfully, and has been a great boon to the community. The finances needed for the work of this church have been well maintained and nearly five times as much was raised by the Board in the rather lean year of 1931 than was raised in 1900. Regular contribution of the many rather than large resources from a few has been the mainstay of Knox.

The present Board consists of:—John Carmichael (Treas.), A. M. MacDonald, F. J. Geary, Chas. Kilgour, J. A. McPherson, S. M. Bolton (Chairman), A. J. Kent, W. G. Stuart, J. W. Thorburn (Secretary), R. B. Douglas, J. J. Barr, D. Rice, J. Cummings, J. M. Douglas, J. W. Whiddon, P. Manning, B. W. Green, K. W. Reikie.

MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH

KNOX, like many other congregations, was in contact with the missionary idea from the start. For several years this was only one of a group of preaching or mission stations. As it gained in strength, it assumed at least some concern for and care of the stations round about. The Home Mission preacher stationed here, at times assisted by one or more of the congregation, and at times the choir, conducted not only regular services but special ones such as communion, baptismal and anniversary services, at Rabbit Hill, Colchester, Eilerslie, Conjuring Creek, Clearwater, Sprucedale, Ledue. Since those days, the contribution of Knox to the cause of missionary enterprises has grown until there are only a few congregations in Western Canada surpassing it.

Although Knox had to separate from outside points in due time, it did not forget outside interests. We note for example, references to a Chinese school in town, assistance given to Morrow's Sunday School (Avonmore) across Mill Creek, and to an earnest call in 1912 for establishing other missions in outlying parts of the community.

In 1903 our first organized Foreign Missionary Society was formed in this church. It was called the Stratheona Auxiliary and was the fourth to be organized in Alberta. The officers were: President, Mrs. N. D. Mills; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. Fleming; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. J. Carmichael; Secretary, Miss M. J. Blain; Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Campbell. There were twenty at the first meeting. Its first annual report was given in 1904 by Rev. Dr. McDnald, under the name "Foreign Mission Society".

As the W.M.S. it has worked continuously to develop interest in missions, and to raise funds for missionary enterprises. In 1931, \$1,150.46 was raised. This year the officers are: President, Mrs. A. H. Scott; Secretary, Mrs. Albert Bell and Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Thorburn.

The congregation at large, has continued, through its budget givings year after year to enlarge its support of the schemes of the church. Much credit is due to Mr. W. J. Scott, convenor of the Mission Committee for his zeal in this work. His policy has been to concentrate on the budget, or the Missionary and Maintenance Fund as it is now called, rather than to diffuse effort over a number of undertakings. In 1918 there was raised \$1,707.24. During the pastorate of Mr. Reid, owing to his teaching and enthusiasm, this support was strengthened very greatly, exceeding the \$5,000.00 mark. In 1927, \$5,670.56 was raised and even in the depression of 1931, \$5,846.31 was the total contributed to the M. & M. Fund.

Much inspiration came to this work, by Knox in conjunction with Westminster (now Central) church, undertaking to support a Missionary in India.

In September, 1915, C. M. Scott, B.A., M.D., C.M., F.A.C.S., was designated in Knox Church as medical missionary for India. He is a son of W. J. Scott, the veteran Clerk of Session, and had received long and thorough training for this work as teacher, West Coast Missionary and student at Queen's and elsewhere. He has rendered signal service at Rutlam Hospital for 16 years and is now back in Canada.

We are specially interested in two African Missionaries also, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Prior, of Angola, Portuguese West Central Africa, who are still members of our congregation. They were married in Knox in 1926 and forthwith set out for their distant field. Mr. Prior is a graduate in Agriculture in the University of Alberta and is serving as an agricultural missionary. Mrs. Prior, formerly Miss Mahaffy, is also undertaking arduous missionary duties in that great area.

THE LADIES' AID AND WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

THE minutes of the first annual meeting held in the old church, show that a Ladies' Aid Society was in operation during 1894, the first year for the congregation in its own church. There were 14 members and (using some of the courtly words of the Secretary), a motion was passed tendering the appreciation and thanks of the meeting to "The Ladies' Aid Society for having graciously taken upon themselves this work which the managers acknowledge with much gratitude". Two of the undertakings referred to were providing an organ for the Church and the "Social" for the meeting. They also reported that much attention had been given to visiting strangers and helping to make newcomers feel at home. Evidently the Ladies' Aid was much alive from the first and found a great deal to do, especially during the pioneer days and during the period of expansion when many new people came to their midst and much additional accommodation and equipment was needed.

In 1900, the first year Knox was on a self-sustaining basis, the congregation was pretty fully organized. The Ladies' Aid Officers were: Hon. President, Mrs. D. G. McQueen; President, Mrs. J. W. Blain; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. Somers; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. D. Fleming; Secretary, Mrs. McIntyre; Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. McKenzie; Convenor of Self-Denial Fund, Mrs. J. A. Holden; Convenor of Sewing Committee, Mrs. J. McNulty; Associate Convenor of Sewing Committee, Mrs. Davison.

During that year \$421.60 was raised, and other needful duties were fulfilled such as visiting and sending out boxes of goods to those requiring them.

In all the succeeding years, the Ladies' Aid took on its full share of work. It had a particularly busy period after the present church was built; this was the time of greatest expansion and much additional service and equipment were called for. The installing of the present pipe organ was one of the Aid's conspicuous achievements.

During all these years the Ladies' Aid membership consisted of only a part of the women of the congregation. New members included those who were invited in and those whose zeal induced them to join. In 1931, following the trend of the times, this system was replaced by the Women's Association of Knox Church. Every woman of the congregation is by that fact a member. For working purposes, the Association is divided into 18 district groups each with a convenor. Each group meets monthly and plans and undertakes its own work. To co-ordinate the work there is a central executive which calls general meetings monthly. The Officers of 1932 are: President, Mrs. W. C. Short; Secretary, Mrs. N. C. Willson; Treasurer, Mrs. B. W. Green.

Already good results are apparent. More people are brought into touch with each other and with the church work, and results are better with less burden on a few.

THE SERVICE OF MUSIC

EVEN before the first church was built Knox was fortunate in having a strong group of efficient and faithful musicians, and all through the years a worthy nucleus at least, has always kept steadily to the service of song in the midst of many changes that were bound to come. The Jacksons (John and William), the Clarks, the McKenzies, the Martins, were frequently mentioned in the early record as serving in the choir or at the organ. To later congregations the names Carmichael, Grant, Sievwright, Williams, Miller, MacDonald, became smiliarly well known. The early choir leaders mentioned were John Jackson, D. S. Mackenzie, Art. Davies. Later, David Jones, Mr. Bell, Mr. Tomkinson, Madame Duggan, in succession assumed the leadership. Of more recent memory was Mr. Leslie and now Mr. Mawer who holds the office of both choir leader and organist. Until the installing of the present motor-driven organ, there was a junior official, who would be a curiosity to our present day younger members—the organ blower. The organ now in use was installed in 1911 and was first played by Mrs. John Jackson, who for so many years rendered fine service both at the organ and in the choir according to need. She has a number of worthy successors who have continued to the present time to serve the congregation in giving liberally of their musical talent.

From the first years to the present, the choirs have done more than render the service of song on Sundays. They have always played an important part in the social life of the church and in the welfare of other parts of the community. The old-timers when in reminiscent mood speak of frequent trips in their cutters and sleighs to surrounding stations to help in special services and in other entertainments. They repeatedly visited the Moravian Mission which seemed to be quite musically inclined. With modifications due to changing conditions, this sort of service has been maintained to the present day. The members of the choir in 1932 are:

Sopranos—Mrs. G. W. Sievwright, Miss Cora Grant, Mrs. W. M. Mawer, Mrs. J. Powell, Mrs. R. Bibby, Mrs. Buchanan, Miss M. Long, Miss J. Stronach, Mrs. H. Kyle, Mrs. Thomlinson, Miss M. Forgie, Miss E. Douglas, Miss D. Cooper, Miss J. Fraser, Miss E. Detlor, Miss T. Rice, Miss Eva Watson, Miss H. Grant, Miss H. Wanless.

Altos—Mrs. J. Martins, Miss Beatrice Clark, Miss Bessie Clark, Miss S. Morrison, Miss F. Ferguson, Mrs. Adam Smith, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Brown, Miss Irene Little, Miss H. Trimble, Miss D. Lendrum, Mrs. J. W. Ross, Miss G. Cooney, Mrs. Miller.

Tenors—Mr. Geo. Williams, Mr. J. Martins, Mr. S. Nelson, Mr. J. Crockett, Mr. H. Shutt, Mr. F. Stewart, Mr. C. Wall, Mr. J. Richardson.

Basses—Mr. A. Carmichael, Dr. R. W. Bradley, Mr. F. Williams, Mr. R. Huggett, Mr. L. Buchanan, Mr. B. Griffith, Mr. G. James, Mr. C. Fraser, Mr. R. Bibby, Mr. C. Knight, Mr. D. Cruickshanks, Mr. Jack Williams.



OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—1908

Back Row (from left)—Fred Carr, Stanley McKee, Prof. Edwards, Second Row—Janice Carmichael (Mrs. Howson), Belle Durand, Miss Fraser (Mrs. A. Buckham), Irene McKee, Mrs. Hennessy, W. J. Scott, Mrs. D. S. McGee, Miss Lobb, Miss Lobb (Mrs. P. McArthur), Third Row—Zola Campbell (Mrs. A. A. Campbell), Miss Roberts, Miss A. Lyle, Rev. D. Fleming, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. James, Miss Ferguson (Mrs. MacQuarrie), Miss Jessie Montgomery, Front Row—John Parsons, John MacLean, Host—O. L. Campbell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES

THE Sunday School flourished from the first. At least one of the first members, Mrs. R. Bisset, Sr., still attends regularly although 83 years of age. In 1900 there were 146 members enrolled. The congregation was fortunate in having the services of a number of capable town teachers. At one time six of the eight teachers in the Stratheona school had classes in the S.S., and among them were Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Mackenzie, F. W. Kerr, D. C. McEachern and W. E. Hay.

The Superintendents in succession were: R. Bisset, Sr., D. S. Mackenzie, D. C. McEachern, W. E. Hay, Dr. J. W. McQueen, Rev. D. Fleming, and in 1909, D. L. Campbell assumed the office and continued as general Superintendent (and now as Honorary Superintendent) until a few years ago when work was divided between A. Bisset, A. H. Scott and Mrs. Kent. Miss Jessie Montgomery, O. Bush, Arch. Campbell, J. Adkins, Geo. Robertson, also acted as departmental Superintendents. At the present time the officers are: Mr. A. H. Scott, General Superintendent; Mr. A. Bisset, Superintendent of Senior Departments; Mr. K. W. Reikie, Supt. of Junior Departments; Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Supt. of Primary Department, and Mrs. J. Ross, Supt. of the Cradle Roll.

Since the formation of a Sunday School at St. Stephen's College some years ago, a considerable number of junior and intermediate pupils living in the vicinity of the College, have been attending the school there. At the present time the capacity of Knox is overtaxed with the 450 pupils enrolled.

The Y. P. S. C. E.

Young people of today may puzzle over this. Twenty-five or thirty years ago it was well known to all as "the Endeavor". It and the choir were the two chief organizations adding to the social life of the young people. Mrs. A. A. Campbell in her verses says:

Now the Christian Endeavor was much alive,
No need at that time for a membership drive,
Our socials and concerts, plays and teas
And at Christmas time our Christmas trees,
Were all of them held in the old Ross Hall,
Where many good times were had by all;
With "Jacob and Rachel" and "Musical Chairs",
With promenades and marching in pairs,
With puzzles and games to make you think,
And oh boy! how some folks could wink.

In 1894 there were 30 members. The numbers increased and fluctuated from time to time. A healthy spirit was reported and more than their immediate pleasures were attended to. They pro-



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cured a lot and established their "Endeavor Garden" therein. From the produce raised, they paid for the lot and raised funds for their own needs. In the old church there was only the auditorium which was to be used as a place of worship only. Accordingly all organizations wishing to hold other kinds of meetings had to hire a hall. Funds were needed for this and for maintaining a Tennis Club on the lot which was finally put into shape by the united efforts of those interested.

Present Organizations

The organizations listed below show that a full round of activities is provided for young people of all ages. A Summer School has been held for the children in July for several years; the boys have had one of their number elected to the Boys' Parliament for quite a few years; the Young Peoples' Society is attracting many young people to its weekly meetings, and the other clubs and classes are flourishing and helping greatly in the upbuilding of the youth of this centre.

Y.P.S. President—Ronald Keith.

Young Men's Club President—Kaye Nelson.

Young Women's Club President—Dorothy Cooper.

C.G.I.T. workers are under Misses McLaggan and M. Walker and Mrs. Whiddon and Mrs. Sievwright.

The Boys' Groups are under the supervision of Mr. Otto Rollis.



Although many members of Knox have earned for themselves the esteem and gratitude of the people of this and other communities, the central place in our hearts is for those sons to the memory of whom this tablet is dedicated.

Semi-Jubilee Sunday Services

NOVEMBER 27th, 1932

11 A.M.

Organ Prelude—"Romance in D Flat" Lemare

Call to Worship Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation.

Praise Selection 21.

Reading Scripture.

Anthem—"O Worship the Lord."
Hollins.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer
(Choral).

Announcements and Offering.

Offertory—"Serenade" Widor

Offertory Prayer.

Solo—"Our Great Saviour"
Pritchard Mr. George Williams

Praise Selection 295.

Sermon Rev. A. D. Reid

Prayer.

Praise Selection 381.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude—"Allegro Moderato"
Smart

7 P.M.—ORGAN RECITAL

W. M. Mawer, A.L.C.M.

1. "Fanfare in D" Lemmens

2. "Coronach" (a Highland Lament) Barrat

3. "Reve Angelique" Rubenstein

4. "Salut D'Amour" Elgar

7:30 P.M.

Doxology.

Invocation.

Praise Selection 86.

Reading Scripture.

Anthem—"Great Is the Lord"
Sydenham.

Prayer.

Announcements and Offering.

Offertory—"Londonderry Air"—
Old Irish.

Male Quartette—"Rock of Ages"
—Hastings—Messrs. Geo. Williams, J. Martins, F. Williams, A. Carmichael.

Praise Selection 399.

Sermon Rev. A. D. Reid

Prayer.

Hymn 600.

Benediction.

Vesper (congregation standing).

Organ Postlude—"The Heavens Are Telling" Haydn

Old Timers' Communion Service

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 3 P.M.

Organ Prelude—"Communion in G."

Call to Worship.

Invocation.

Praise Selection 103.

Communion Scripture Lesson.

Prayer.

Offering.

Offertory—"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Solo—"The Message of Hope"—Mr. David Jones

Communion Address—Rev. A. D. Reid.

Praise Selection 354—Verses 1-3.

COMMUNION.

Praise Selection 354—Verses 4-7.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude—"Andante"—Vincent.

The praise at this service will be led by an Old Timers Choir.

Knox United Church Semi-Jubilee Celebration

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1932

6:00—6:30 p.m.—Registration.

6:30—7:30 p.m.—Dinner.

7:30—9:30 p.m.—Programme.

CHAIRMAN—A. BISSET

SELECTIONS BY OLD TIME CHOIR

Greetings from Sister Congregations*Dr. W. M. Grant*

TO THOSE WHO BUILT.—THE OLD TIMERS—

An Appreciation by*Dr. R. C. Wallace*

Response by*James M. Douglas*

SELECTIONS BY OLD TIME CHOIR

TO THE WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION—

An Appreciation by*Dr. J. Fraser Smith*

Response by*Mrs. W. J. Walker*

SELECTIONS BY OLD TIME CHOIR

TO THE SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK—

An Appreciation by*Prof. A. T. Barnard*

Response by*Rev. Andrew D. Reid*

Closing Hymn*Rev. Philip Duncan*

“GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”

Members of Old Time Choir

J. A. Jackson, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Watt Jackson, John Carmichael, Andrew Carmichael, Dr. J. E. Carmichael, David Jones, Mrs. W. R. Howson, Mrs. Narraway, Mrs. T. A. Kyle, Mrs. S. Vanderburgh, Mrs. Hugh Duncan, Mrs. J. W. Ross, Mrs. A. J. Kent, Mrs. G. G. Lawrence, Mrs. H. G. Robertson, Mrs. D. C. McEachern, Mrs. W. G. McIntyre, Mrs. W. T. James, Mrs. H. Murray, Mrs. L. B. Yule, Mrs. T. A. Stinson, Mrs. O. B. Madill, Mrs. A. Bisset, Mrs. W. G. Stuart, Mrs. C. D. Martin, Mrs. E. S. McArthur, Mrs. Ed. Perry, Miss B. Durrand, Miss A. D. Lyle, Miss Cora Grant, Mrs. G. W. Sievwright, T. G. Macalister, A. T. Williamson, R. B. McKenzie, C. B. Clark, George Williams, Hilda Klyft and Mrs. S. Archibald.

Organist and Choirmaster—W. M. Mawer, A.L.C.M.

